मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री अर्जुन सिंह) : (क) आपरेशन ब्लैकबोर्ड, गैर-औपचारिक शिक्षा और प्रौढ़ शिक्षा जैसे विभिन्न साक्षरता कार्यक्रमों को बढ़ावा देने के लिए वर्ष 1989–90 और 1990–91 के दौरान उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य को क्रमशः 4058.38 लाख तथा 2686.85 लाख रुपए की केन्द्रीय सहायता प्रदान की गई ।

(ख) साक्षरता की वृद्धि दर दशवार्षिक संगणना आंकड़ों के आधार पर निकाली गई । वर्ष 1991 की गणना के आधार पर उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य में साक्षरता की वार्षिक औसत वृद्धि दर 0.84 प्रतिशत बैठती है ।

(ग) केन्द्रीय अनुदान राशि के प्रयोग का अनुवीक्षण करने के लिए एक तंत्र है जिसमें लेखा-नियंत्रक एवं महा लेखा परीक्षक द्वारा लेखा-परीक्षा करने की व्यवस्था, और आगे अनुदान मुक्त कराने के लिए लेखों के परीक्षित विवरण सहित प्रस्ताव प्रस्तुत करना और जारी की गई अनुदान राशि से हुई प्रगति की रिपोर्ट को प्रस्तुत करना शामिल है।

Ragging in Delhi University Colleges

863. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ragging has been banned in the campus of the Delhi University; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to ban ragging in all other Universities in the Country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Ragging in any form was banned under the existing Ordinance XV-B of the University of Delhi. The Executive Council of the University passed a new and detailed Ordinance XV-C on 5.10.91 strictly prohibiting ragging within the premises of all Colleges and Departments of the University as well as on public transport. The new Ordinance provides for stringent punishment, including rustication and expulsion, for those students found guilty of ragging.

(b) Government has drawn the attention of Vice-Chancellors of all Universities, Directors of IITs, Principals of Regional Engineering Colleges and Education Secretaries of all States/UTs to some recent incidents of ragging and requested them to take immediate steps to put a stop to this undesirable activity and to provide new students conditions in which they feel welcome and comfortable.

Discovery of copper in Orissa

864. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have copper in some parts of Orissa;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the steps Government have taken for the proper exploitation of those copper mines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Geological Survey of India (GSI) have proved 1.66 million tonnes of copper ore with an average of 1.59 per cent copper at Kesharpur in Mayurbhanj district and 1.81 million tonnes of copper ore with 1.04 per cent copper at Adash in Sambalpur district of Orissa.

(c) Orissa Mining Corporation, a State Government Undertaking, have since applied for grant of prospecting Licence for copper in these areas.

Setting up of charge chrome plants

865. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of charge chrome plants set up in the public sector;

(b) what is the location of such plants in public sector;

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal to privatise some plants; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Sor far, no plant has been set up in the Central Public Sector for exclusive manufacture of charge chrome. However, with the broad banding of the ferro alloys industry permitted last year, production or various types of ferro alloys had been made permissible from existing units. This industry has since been delicensed.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of reply above.

Production of gold in the country

866. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity and value of gold produced in the country during the last three years, yearwise;

(b) whether the companies entrusted with the task of production of gold in Kolar Gold fields are earning profits at present; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to boost the production of gold, keeping in the tight foreign exchange position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Quantity and value of gold produced in the country during the last three years is given in the statement (*See* below)

(b) No, Sir.

(c) According to available information of the known reserves of gold, it may not be feasible to boost the production of gold in a short time. Government who had intensified exploration of gold from VII Plan are now synthesising the data to determine the feasibility of boosting the production of gold. In the meantime, prospects of increasing gold production by treatment of ore tailings and development of shallow deposits have been initiated by Bharat Gold Mines Limited.

Statement

Gold produced and its value during the past 3 years in the country

Name of the Company	Production of Gold (in Kgs.) & value (in Rs. crores) 1988-89		1989-90		1990-91	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
I. Bharat Gold Mines Limited	943·19	29·95	773·35	24·97	764·25	76·47
II. Hutti Gold Mines Co, Ltd.	955·00	29·53	875·00	29·31	1049·00	36·33*
III. Hindustan Copper Limited (as a bye-product)	100·00	2·72	508·00	14·86	277·00	9·99
GRAND TOTAL	2008·19	62·20	2156·35	69·14	2090·25	72·79

*Provisional figures.

Note: Only BGML and HGML are mining and producing primary gold. Gold is produced as a bye-produced by HCL.